

Theda Herz – 7/15/1944 – 11/29/1997

Theda M. Herz, 53, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 1997, at her home in Prescott Valley.

She was born July 15, 1944, in Kansas City, Mo., to Richard V. And Theda Sara (Hickey) Herz. She moved to Prescott Valley from Grinnell, Iowa, in June 1996.

Miss Herz completed her undergraduate studies at Kansas University and earned her masters and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. She was director of South American studies at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. She was also a Spanish professor. During her 20-year tenure, she was awarded several Fulbright scholarships, which allowed her to travel extensively in Mexico and South America. Her research was well-published.

She was a member of Kansas University Alumni and was a very supportive and active member of the greater Prescott community. She served by court appointment as a special advocate for CASA and worked for Habitat for Humanity, completely embracing the program from serving as a translator to pounding nails on the homes being built. She volunteered for the Yavapai County Literacy Program and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentoring program in Prescott Valley.

Miss Herz enjoyed and appreciated multi-cultural diversities. She liked people and had a fondness for cats. She was well-read, and enjoyed politics and doing research. She enjoyed her time in Arizona, hiking the Grand Canyon and, just recently, Granite Mountain.

Survivors include her brother, Richard of Mission Hills, Kan.; sister, Elicia Noelle-Herz of Alexandria, Va.; and parents, Richard and Theda Sara Herz of Olathe, Kan.

A Christian burial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Arizona Ruffner Wakelin Funeral Home, 303 S. Cortez St., with Deacon Bill Davis of Sacred Heart Catholic Church officiating.

Primate cremation services will be at Mountain View Cemetery. Arizona Ruffner Wakelin Funeral Home helped the family with arrangements.

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